

Reporting Suspicious Activity

It is not uncommon for the Police or authorities to rely on information from citizens about alleged criminal or suspicious activity. The Police encourage employees of occupations that are out and about in our community, and other citizens, to be vigilant and provide an extra set of eyes and ears for the police. This valuable group of eyes would include delivery, postal, public works, utility employees, and neighbors. The citizens, in the course of their daily activities, are familiar with what is considered normal or routine observances and should look for those *out of the ordinary* situations - and notify the Police. As always, the concerned citizen should promptly notify police about suspicious activity and provide as much information as possible to help locate, interview, and determine the appropriate action an officer or the department takes. It should always be remembered that reporting of suspicious activity should be based on the *suspicious activity*, and not the person.

Any citizen wanting to provide information about a suspicious activity requiring immediate emergency response should contact the authorities by calling 911. In other instances there are a variety of ways to report suspicious activity. The non-emergency number for the Tullahoma Police Department is (931) 455-3411. Additionally, the Tennessee Department of Homeland Security provides citizens access to a *Suspicious Activity Report* (SAR). The SAR submittal can be found at tn.gov/safety/ and follow the tabs for Homeland Security and Suspicious Activity Report; or call (877) 250-2333. Vigilance and reporting is every citizen's responsibility. It is through an involved and vigilant community that we can address potential threats to our quality of life and respond to those incidents that are suspicious or criminal in nature. Trust your gut feeling and report. Better to report and have an incident investigated than to have a "should have called, or knew something was not right" after-thought. The Police Department solicits citizen input and values the additional *eyes and ears* that our community provides. Our community, like so many others, have infrastructure locations that are critical for our quality of life and the services they provide to other communities, states, and our nation. Report suspicious activity; report it quickly; and provide detailed information. Any questions about this or other police functions may be directed to Chief Paul Blackwell at (931) 455-0530, or pblackwell@tullahomatan.gov.